(*g*) The Division Officer, Nagercoil and the Catering Superintendent in charge of the State Guests Department.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) No income except rent.

(*j*) Rs. 2,728-5-11 for Cape Hotel and the Rest House.

(*k*) 680.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know to whom the profits from the Cape Hotel go ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : To Government.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : It is stated in the answer to part (i) of the question that Government do not derive any income except the rent.

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Government only derive the rent.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : From the answers to parts (i) and (j) of the question am I to understand that the Cape Hotel is run at a loss to Government ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : At present it is run at a loss.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : In view of the large number of visitors in the Government Hotel, viz., 680 per year, have Government thought of devising measures to see that it is run on profitable scale ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : The matter is under consideration.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Am I to understand that this large number of visitors staying at the Cape Hotel do not cause loss to Government ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Catering is done separately.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know who does the catering ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : The Superintendent, Cape Hotel.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Is he permitted to cater to guests in the Government Hotel ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Yes.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Am I to understand that Government are not aware that the steward there is not taking any profit ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Government are not aware of it.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Am I to understand that the Mascot Hotel here is also run in the same manner ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : I cannot say.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Is the Superintendent of the Cape Hotel a Government servant ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Yes.

Construction of a parapet wall at the Kottar Dharmapuram Road.

276. ✻ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer received a petition in Thulam 1116, from K. Narayanaperumal Nadar M. L. A., and others for the immediate construction of a parapet wall over the culvert at about the 6th furlong 3rd mile of the Kottar-Dharmapuram road ;

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineer, Nagercoil, has visited the spot and, if so, the date of the visit ; and

(*c*) the approximate cost of the parapet wall ?

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MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Division Officer, Nagercoil, visited the spot on 15-2-1115, 30-2- 116 and 25-5-1116.

(*c*) Approximate cost of the necessary works is estimated to be Rs. 410.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether the construction of the parapet wall has been sanctioned by Government?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: It is not necessary that it should be sanctioned by Government. The Executive Engineer has been asked to carry out the work.

Rajakamangalam Allom.

277. ✱ MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a proposal for the installation of an oil engine and pipe line for taking brine from the sea to the Rajakamangalam allom;

(*b*) if so, whether the estimate for the work was sanctioned;

(*c*) the year of the sanction;

(*d*) whether any amount for the work was spent in 1114 or 1115 or 1116; and

(*e*) whether there was a custom or contract between the licensees and Government that the latter should supply the old allom at Rajakamangalam with good brine?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 1113.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Government have to arrange for the supply of brine required for the monopoly factory at Rajakamangalam.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the necessity for installation of an oil engine and pipe line in the Rajakamangalam allom?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: To ensure a steady supply of sea brine.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the amount of the estimate?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The estimate that was originally made had to be recast and it is pending scrutiny. If the honorable member wants to know the amount of the original estimate, it was Rs. 14,500. The new estimate has not been made yet.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether Government are spending any amount now for the supply of brine to the allom?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why Government are not spending any amount for the supply of brine to the Rajakamangalam allom?

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